

ABSTRACT

An arrangement for the control of viewing of a
5 video/television program in which a rating code and a position
code are transmitted with the video/television signal. The codes
are decoded and processed via a microcontroller. A viewer of the
video signal is able to enter codes of permitted program ratings
using a remote control unit. The rating codes are based upon the
10 content of the video signal. The position codes relate to the
display position of possibly objectionable content. Based upon a
comparison of the received codes and the permitted program
ratings portions of video signal are blanked and/or muted. The
position codes allow for sub-portions of the image display to be
15 blocked rather than the entire display.